

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. CINDY AYERS-ELLIOT

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor humanitarian and farmer, Dr. Cindy Ayers-Elliott. Dr. Ayers-Elliott has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and the desire to help people in need.

Dr. Ayers-Elliott is a Mississippi native and graduate from Rust College with a bachelor's in business administration, and then became only the second Mississippian to become a National Rural Fellow. Once Ayers-Elliott had completed her fellowship, she moved to New York and worked on Wall Street as an investment banker. After 9/11, she returned to Jackson and received her master's degree and a doctorate in Urban Higher Education from Jackson State University in 2006. She went to work for a local nonprofit that focused on agricultural policy, but she wanted to do more than talk to farmers. In 2010, she "traded high heels for work boots" and "designer suits for overalls." She became a farmer herself, setting up Foot Print Farms on 68 acres in west Jackson.

Foot Print Farms has several projects to combat Mississippi's food deserts. In partnership with the Mississippi Department of Health, Foot Print Farms supply boxes of fresh produce in season to needy families living in food deserts. During the pandemic, Foot Print Farms secured donations and supplied fresh food to three schools in impoverished parts of Jackson. Dr. Ayers-Elliott has been a great asset to her community, and her work never goes unnoticed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Cindy Ayers-Elliott for her hard work in fighting food insecurities in the State of Mississippi.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. LUMAN HUGHES, JR.

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Dr. Luman Hughes, Jr. Luman was born in Iron River, Michigan on July 21, 1930. He attended the University of Michigan where he played in the marching band, met his future wife, Marilyn Benson, and went on to graduate from the University's A.B./M.D. program.

After graduating, Luman was an intern at Presbyterian Hospital and was then drafted to the U.S. Navy. He served two years in Japan then completed his OB/GYN residency at Great Lakes Naval Hospital. After posts in

North Carolina, Guam, and Oakland, Luman joined the Navy Reserves. Luman was the officer responsible for overseeing medical support for the entire Marine Corps Reserve System until he left the reserves in 1990.

Throughout his long and distinguished career in medicine, Dr. Hughes has always shown his dedication to providing compassionate care to the Contra Costa community. He joined John Muir's staff in 1968 as an OB/GYN specialist and was instrumental in the development of many critical programs and projects at John Muir. In 1971, Dr. Hughes founded California's first free-standing surgery center, the Walnut Creek Ambulatory Surgery Center. Additionally, Dr. Hughes co-founded the Muir OB/GYN Medical Group in 1978, served on the Board of Trustees, and was appointed President in 1984.

Luman is also the founder of Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood, which has provided essential care to patients in our community since 1969. His expertise was also sought out by a variety of institutions and organizations. He has worked as a clinical preceptor at UCSF, assistant clinical professor at U.C. Davis, and consultant of gynecology for the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Martinez. Further, he was the founding president of the Diablo Valley Social Advocates for Youth and a member of Alameda Contra Costa Health Systems Agency's governing body and the medical representative of the agency's BiCounty Foundation Committee.

Beyond his professional practice, Luman was also a talented musician and an active member of the community. He sang and played trumpet at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, participated in several musical groups in the community, and founded the California Symphony alongside his wife, Marilyn.

Sadly, Luman passed away on June 7, 2022. He is survived by his brother Timothy Hughes, his wife of 68 years Marilyn, son Luman "Sandy" Harold Hughes III (Joan), daughter Laurel DePalatis (Ray), grandchildren Catherine Wrigley (Cody), Jessica Broich (Aaron), Erik Hughes (Erin), and Trevor DePalatis (Katrina), and great grandchildren Kolbie Arcangelo, Symphony Broich, Ezra DePalatis, and two step great grandchildren Mackenna and Kelton Wrigley. He will be remembered for his dedication to service, compassion, and devotion to his family. Please join me in honoring Dr. Luman Hughes, Jr. for his many contributions to our community.

HONORING PATRICIA PRYOR WHITE

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community leader, Mrs. Patricia Pryor White of Lambert, Mississippi.

Mrs. White was born on January 28, 1957, to the late Alvis & Kelly Lee Pryor of Lambert, MS. She grew up in a loving home and is the second youngest of seven children. Her early educational pursuits began in the Quitman County Schools, where she graduated in 1975. She continued her educational journey and obtained an Associate degree in Business Administration from Northwest Mississippi Community College. After beginning a family of her own and working full time, she later enrolled at the University of Mississippi and received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Human Resources in 2006, an accomplishment she is most proud of.

Her pleasant spirit and work ethic are unmatched and indicative of her long customer service career at Entergy (formerly Mississippi Power & Light Company), where she worked for 37 years before retiring in November 2021. Before joining Entergy, she was employed for 6 years at Quitman County Hospital and Nursing, and 1 year at Quitman County Development Organization.

Mrs. White is married to Charles D. White of Lambert, MS, and together they have two children, Charles Patrick White and Ashley White Jones. She is a proud grandmother of two sweet girls, Kaci Nicole Alexander (10) and Audré Nichole Jones (2).

Mrs. White has dedicated her life to serving the Quitman County community through her involvement in her church, Mount Zion Baptist Church. There, she serves in many capacities including Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, Treasurer of Finance Committee, and Choir Member.

Additionally, she served as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer for 18 Years for the Quitman County District Baptist Association.

Since retiring Mrs. White enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and working alongside her children and daughter-in-law by catering and decorating local events through their family-owned and operated business, Pash Events & Catering LLC.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Patricia Pryor White for her dedication, commitment, and remarkable community leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, on the evening of Monday, November 14, 2022, I was unavoidably detained and failed to record my vote on Roll Call No. 478. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 478, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 5441—PAST Act of 2021.

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